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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF PLANNING ON GULF DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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1. MINISTER OF PLANNING AL IMAN TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 17 THAT HE EXPECTS, OR HOPES, TALKS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF GULF ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF EGYPT (GODE) BEGINNING AUGUST 18 WILL LAST 4 OR 5 DAYS. MINISTER CITED TWO QUESTIONS TILL OPEN AS FAR AS GOE IS CONCERNED: SIZE OF GODE FINANCING AND USES OF FUND. HE COMMENTED ON INADEQUACY OF \$2 BILLION IN LIGHT OF EGYPT'S NEEDS, REFERRING TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S STATEMENT THAT MUCH MORE WILL BE REQUIRED. MINISTER ALSO NOTED GOE'S PRIORITY CONCERN THAT SIGNIFICANTLY LARGE PROPORTION OF FINACING BE FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENT SUPPORT, RATHER THAN PROJECT AID. HE OFFERED NO COMMENT ON POSITION PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED IN GOE REGARDING NEED FOR ADVANCE DRAWINGS ON FUNDING DURING EARLY YEARS OF FIVE YEAR PERIOD.

2. COMMENT: MINISTER AL IMAN UNDOUBTEDLY IS EXPRESSING
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VIEW OF GOE ON ITS DESIRES WITH RESPECT TO FORMULATION AND

THRUST OF GODE. IT IS UNCLEAR TO US, HOWEVER, HOW MUCH
HE OR HIS MINISTRY WILL BE INVOLVED IN FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS,
NOR IS IT CERTAIN THAT HE IS PRIVY TO INFORMATION ON STAND GOE
WILL BE TAKING WITH EMISSARIES FROM ARAB DONORS. DESPITE
HIS PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (PHD IN ECONOMICS AND LONG
EXPERIENCE IN UN), OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT MINPLANNING
OPERATES ON PERIPHERY OF GOE DECISION-MAKING LEADERSHIP
IN ECONOMIC FIELD.
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